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### **Publication of four versions of the White Paper**

To commemorate the 48th anniversary of the announcement of the Green March by His Late Majesty King Hassan II, the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES) has released the White Paper on the Moroccan Sahara in Arabic, French, English, and Spanish on its website.

### **Morocco's reputation in the world in 2023**

IRES, in collaboration with "Reputation Lab," an international firm specializing in "Nation Branding," has published its report on Morocco's global reputation in 2023. The report, which garnered significant national and international attention, ranked Morocco 34th out of 60 countries with the highest GDP in terms of reputation among G7 countries and Russia. Morocco's overall positive international image remained intact in 2023, comparable to that of Peru and surpassing countries like the United States and Argentina, except for Brazil, which slightly outperformed Morocco by 0.2 points, as well as the reputation of all African countries and those of the Arab world.

### **Relations between Morocco and Nigeria**

IRES has conducted a study analyzing the political and economic situation in Nigeria, with a focus on exploring cooperation and investment opportunities between Morocco and Nigeria in various fields, both bilaterally and within continental bodies.

## Emerging concepts

As part of its foresight mission, IRES has initiated a project to identify and analyze emerging concepts, which encompass new ideas and phenomena sharing common characteristics. These concepts, reflecting gradual developments, are categorized based on shared traits and relevance over time



### September and October 2023 issues of the "Bulletin de veille webographique"

The September and October 2023 editions of the "Bulletin de veille webographique," available online on the IRES website, feature summaries of forward-looking reports on themes such as major future risks, commodities market outlook, climate change adaptation, and global and regional trends in armed conflicts,...

## Réunions de travail



### Natural disasters: Morocco's capacity to anticipate and public policy orientations

On October 12, 2023, during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings hosted by Morocco, IRES organized a forward-looking event addressing "Natural disasters: Morocco's capacity to anticipate and public policy orientations in economic, financial, social, and environmental terms." The event critically examined Morocco's preparedness for natural disasters, evaluating their impact on society and the national economy, assessing the early warning system, and evaluating the government's ability to anticipate and manage related crises.



### The "Green Hydrogen" sector: challenges and prospects for Morocco

On October 18, 2023, IRES hosted an event discussing "The green hydrogen industry: challenges and prospects for Morocco." The event provided insights into the international development of the green hydrogen sector, technology advancements, national research and development efforts, and medium- to long-term opportunities for Morocco.



### **7th edition of the Cybersecurity Innovation Series 2023, Morocco Chapter**

The Institute took an active part, as a partner, in the work of the 7th edition of the Cybersecurity Innovation Series, organized on October 30, 2023 in Casablanca, by the Emirati firm "Market Solutions", under the theme "From vision to protection: strengthening Africa's digital resilience".

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### **The future of relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the countries of the Visegrád Group**

IRES conducted a study on the future of relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the countries of the Visegrád Group. The study's findings were discussed during a seminar at IRES on October 31, 2023, attended by by His Excellency Krzysztof KARWOWSKI, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in Rabat, His Excellency Ladislav SKERIK, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Rabat, His Excellency David AMBRUS, Deputy Head of Mission at the Hungarian Embassy in Rabat, senior representatives of the Embassies of the Kingdom of Morocco in Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, as well as national institutional players involved in cooperation between Morocco and the Visegrád Group countries. Discussions centered on the prospects for bilateral and triangular cooperation among "Africa-Morocco-Visegrád Group."

## **IRES. Coopération**



### **Courtesy visit by H.E.M Mawada EL BADAWI, Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan to Rabat**

Her Excellency Mrs. Mawada EL BADAWI, Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan in Rabat, paid a courtesy visit to IRES on September 19, 2023.



**Working visit to IRES by H.E.M. LI CHANGLIN,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to  
Morocco**

A delegation from the Chinese Embassy in Rabat, led by H.E.M. LI CHANGLIN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Morocco, visited IRES on September 26, 2023. The working visit aimed to enhance the strategic dialogue between the Institute and Chinese think tanks.

**Agenda**

In November and December 2023, IRES Forum will host seminars presenting preliminary results of studies on the future of relations between Morocco and Nigeria, the industry of the future, and a study day dedicated to the issue of governance.